

WELCOME TO PALM BEACH HELICOPTERS...

Thank you for inquiring about Helicopter training with Palm Beach Helicopters! Palm Beach Helicopters provides quality Flight Training awarding students from all over the world certifications from: Private to Commercial, Instrument, Flight Instructor, Instrument Instructor, and Airline Transport Pilot ratings. Palm Beach Helicopters is the only FAA Approved Part 141 helicopter training facility in the Palm Beach area.

Selecting a helicopter school is probably the most important decision you will be making in the initial stage of your career as a helicopter pilot, and you should research thoroughly before deciding on the helicopter school of your choice! We are confident you will find Palm Beach Helicopters to be the finest school for your flight training.

Palm Beach Helicopters operates its own helicopter maintenance facility to control and ensure safety and efficiency. We also provide helicopter tours of the South Florida area.

WHEN YOU STEP OFF THE PLANE

Palm Beach Helicopters has worked hard to make all aspects of your training, transportation and living arrangements very simple, convenient and at low cost without compromising quality or comfort. We are proud of what we have to offer and are confident you will not be disappointed.

We can arrange direct transportation from PBI, FLL, or MIA. From there you can be taken directly to your hotel or chosen living accommodation.

Once you're settled, your flight instructor will outline your personal training course and issue the necessary training materials.

You will then most likely be off with other students who visit the nightspots at any of the beach resorts. The South Florida area provides many, many activities while you are not in training.

LOCATION AND TRAINING

Palm Beach Helicopters is located at the Palm Beach County Airpark (LNA), in Palm Beach County, Florida. Palm Beach County Airpark is un-controlled, non-towered airport. All training takes place on the airport property so that you, the student, are not wasting training time flying to a designated practice area. With Palm Beach International Airport only a 3 minute flight to the North, learning to fly here and in the surrounding area will develop your radio communication skills and instill a confidence, which will help you deal with any air traffic control situation in the world.

Aside from working at the airport itself, additional training is carried out at other surrounding airports and off-airport landing areas. This gives students the practice and confidence to operate the aircraft in various environments.

It is our policy to give students the most comprehensive training possible. To meet the cross-country requirements we allow our students to plan lengthy overnight trips to places as far as Orlando and Ft. Myers. Many schools restrict students to short cross-country trips and do not permit overnight stays.

Other exercises include landing at very high activity airports such as Ft. Lauderdale and Miami International Airports. Here you must not only be confident and proficient in dealing with air traffic control, but also on the helicopter controls as well. In Ft. Lauderdale, you will be introduced to the public use Helipad located in beautiful downtown Ft. Lauderdale. The Helipad is on top of a multi-story building surrounded high-rise buildings and obstructions. These experiences will help prepare you for the world of helicopter flying.

As challenging as these activities sound, Palm Beach Helicopters does an excellent job of preparing you. Completing these operations will give you the confidence to be able to fly anywhere in the world under any circumstance.

You'll be one of the best!

The weather in South Florida is excellent for year round training. Very few days each year are lost due to poor weather conditions. South Florida offers the best flying climate in the U.S.!

WORKING VACATION

Even the most dedicated student will not be flying or studying every hour of the week. Florida is a world unto itself and our students enjoy the recreational activities and sightseeing in such places as: Miami Beach, Disney World, St. Augustine, Daytona Beach, Worth Avenue, Sea World, Epcot, Universal Studios Florida, Busch Gardens, Fantasy of Flight, and the Kennedy Space Center.

HELICOPTERS USED IN TRAINING

Palm Beach Helicopters has chosen to use the Robinson R-22 and R-44, Bell 206, and the Bell 407 for flight training because of their excellent handling qualities and use throughout the industry. The R-22 is used for all primary instruction i.e. the Private Pilot. The skills acquired while training in the R-22 will put you in an excellent position when you transition to other helicopter types. The savings gained by the R-22's low operating and maintenance costs are passed on to our students, making the R-22 the most economical helicopter trainer in the world today. Apart from the major advantages mentioned above, the greatest advantage of the R-22 is its worldwide popularity, the R-22 has become the top selling helicopter in the world. Because of this there is an increasing demand for entry-level pilots who have trained in the Robinson R-22.

In most cases, a new helicopter pilot will begin his/her career as a Flight Instructor, simply because it is an excellent way to gain experience as well as build flight hours while also earning money. The R-22 is also the world's most popular training helicopter. If you plan to teach, you will need to obtain a Flight Instructor's Certificate. Palm Beach Helicopters provides such training and has hired select graduates as its own Flight Instructors.

ACCOMMODATION AND LIVING EXPENSES

At Palm Beach Helicopters we understand the importance of where you will be living during your training. Palm Beach County is visited year round by people from all over the world. With such a large tourist population, accommodations are readily available no matter what your budget.

Palm Beach Helicopters offers housing to our clients upon availability. PBH school housing is located just 10 minutes from the training academy. If PBH school housing is not available, our Customer Service personnel will be happy to assist you with all of your lodging arrangements.



Our accommodations are fully furnished located in a well-maintained apartment complex with swimming pool, workout area, racquetball and volleyball courts. *Apartments are based upon availability.*



Palm Beach Helicopters has arrangements with multiple hotels in the local area.

PILOT SHOP & RESTAURANT

Palm Beach Helicopters is within walking distance of a fully stocked Pilot Shop, the "Lantana Pilot Shop" will cater for all your piloting needs from the FAA written test books, and all the books & charts you will need to complete your selected course, as well as any aviation related materials you will need for the future. Palm Beach Helicopters maintains all needed helicopter related materials that may be difficult to find otherwise. All required books for your particular course will be supplied to you upon arrival at Palm Beach Helicopters.

As mentioned before, Palm Beach Helicopters is located next to many coffee shops, novelty stores, as well as a full service Restaurants catering for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, the convenience of this ensures that no time is wasted "going out" for meals if you are on a time constraint.

TRANSPORTATION

Palm Beach Helicopters office is located just 5 miles South of Palm Beach International Airport. The Terminal offers car rental desks for Avis, Hertz and Enterprise-rent-a-car, each company has a full range of vehicles and prices. If you are arriving at Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, or Palm Beach International Airports you may like to arrange your airline tickets and car rental together. You could collect your vehicle at MIA, FLL or PBI, upon your arrival. If you would prefer, we will drive you to your quarters in Palm Beach and you can collect the vehicle here after you settle in.

There is also a local car rental company that rents older less expensive cars. Here in the states gasoline is very inexpensive. But if you wish to further economize we have bicycles available if you prefer.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE

When you begin your course, your flight instructor will arrange an individual schedule for you. Since all training is conducted on an individual basis, students are permitted to choose their own scheduling requirements. We recommend, however, that for the first few hours of flying you have one flight session per day, and thereafter, two lessons per day. Maintaining a full time schedule will minimize the total cost of your training.

The length of time that is required to complete a course depends largely on your ability, motivation to learn and the proficiency with the English language. It usually takes about six weeks to complete the Private Pilot helicopter course and four months to complete the Commercial Pilot course, if a reasonably full schedule is maintained.

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

A high school or college education is not required; however, at least a high school or equivalent education would be beneficial if you are considering a career course. Applicants for Private Pilot Certificate must be at least 17 years of age prior to completion of the course. Commercial Pilot Certificate applicants must be at least 18 years of age at the time of course completion & it is an FAA requirement that you be able to read, speak, write & understand the English language.

MEDICAL

On your arrival, arrangements will be made for an appropriate flight physical examination with a local FAA medical examiner. The examination will be administered next door to the Palm Beach Helicopters facility. The type of medical examination required will depend on the course desired. A medical examination will cost \$100.

FLIGHT TRAINING RECOMMENDATIONS

Prices quoted are based upon the FAA minimum requirements for pilot certification. Students may become proficient at flying helicopters with just 40 hours of flight instruction. The exact amount of time required depends solely on each individual's ability and effort.

Palm Beach Helicopters can teach you to fly helicopters in less time than any other school. The quality of our facility, the caliber of our flight instructors, the availability of helicopters, and the near perfect weather of Palm Beach is what makes this all possible. Obtaining your license in the least amount of time and flight hours can save you a lot of money. Remember, it's not only the low price of \$245 per hour (solo rate) that saves you money, it's also the number of days (living expenses) and the least number of flight hours. Relax and have a good time; learn to fly at Palm Beach Helicopters.

Learning to fly is similar to building a house; if the foundation is weak the entire home is weak. We strive to build a strong foundation early in your training so that you can get the most out of your training experience.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND JOB PLACEMENT

For students completing the Commercial, Flight Instructor (CFI & CFII), and Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) courses, employment opportunities and job placement in the helicopter industry are of great concern. Palm Beach Helicopters has in the past, and presently continues to employ some of its CFI graduates as instructors. Not all CFI graduates are employed by Palm Beach Helicopters as this depends on the school's needs at the time and also on the individual's performance and professionalism.

The school offers assistance in job placement for its graduates. We have considerable experience and many contacts within the helicopter industry, so we are able to offer sound advice on obtaining first jobs. The founder of Palm Beach Helicopters, Mr. Randy Rowles has been active in the aviation community for over 17 years. He is presently a FAA Designated Pilot Examiner with over 8000+ hours of helicopter flight time.

Please feel free to call us while you are deciding on the best training facility to meet your needs. On many occasions, we have referred potential clients to other training facilities allowing our experience in the industry to help guide current or potential pilots to meet their helicopter training needs.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING COURSES

Palm Beach Helicopters provides several specialized training courses. The courses include Turbine Transition, Inadvertant IMC Recovery, IFR Refresher, Robinson R22/R44, Bell206/407 Recurrent Training.

(These courses are accepted by most insurance companies)

SIMULATOR

Palm Beach Helicopters offers the FlyIt Helicopter Simulation Device in conjunction with all of our training programs. This state-of-the-art training device allows the instructor to provide a more realistic training environment. Those maneuvers and procedures that cannot be safely practiced in the actual aircraft can be practiced over and over again in the comfort of an air-conditioned Simulator. Up to 7.5 hrs of your training can be accomplished in our FAA Approved FlyIt Helicopter Simulation Device.

PAYMENT METHODS

Palm Beach Helicopters accepts the following payment methods: Traveler's checks, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, cash, and personal checks drawn on American banks.

Please feel free to call us if this brochure does not answer all your questions. If you are in the area, feel free to visit our facility anytime and talk to our friendly instructors or students.

TOP 10 REASONS TO CHOOSE PALM BEACH HELICOPTERS...

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- Lowest overall prices.
- Highest quality flight instructors and equipment.
- Experience working with overseas students.
- FAA Approved Part 141 Training Facility
- Location, ATC airport with helicopter practice pads and patterns.
- Weather - Best in the U.S.!
- Friendly, patient, professional atmosphere - we make it simple.
- A working vacation!
- Tourist attractions, Disney World, Busch Gardens, etc.

Simply put, it will cost you less, you'll have more fun and you'll receive the best training.

WHY WAIT ANY LONGER?

MAKE PLANS TODAY TO JOIN US AT PALM BEACH HELICOPTERS

IN BEAUTIFUL SOUTH FLORIDA!

TRAINING COSTS **Note: All courses are subject to a \$150 enrollment fee**

(Prices subject to change without notice)

For Private and Commercial Certificates we have provided costs based on FAA minimum requirements although ultimately this will vary according to individual proficiency. Flight instruction is based on using the Robinson R-22 Helicopter. Solo rate is \$245 and dual rate is \$275 per hour.

Our turbine helicopter fleet consists of the Bell 206 at \$850 and Bell 407 at \$1400 per flight hour. Ground instruction is \$35 per hour. Apart from those listed, additional costs for flight training and ground instruction may apply. For books and supplies, you should budget approximately \$269 for the private, commercial, and instrument courses, and an extra \$50 for the CFI, CFII, and ATP courses.

Private Pilot Certificate - Helicopter (PPLH) 141 approved course

(39.5 hrs required)

	Per Hour	Total
33 Hrs. Flight Instruction	\$275/Hr	\$9,075.00
6.5 Hrs. Solo Flight Time*	\$245/Hr	\$1,592.50
36 Hrs Ground Instruction	\$35/Hr	\$1,260.00
Books & Materials		\$ 269
Private Written Exam		\$ 90
FAA Examiner's Fee		\$ 400
Insurance		\$ 300
Medical Exam		\$ 100
TOTAL		\$13,086.50

Private Pilot Certificate - Helicopter (PPLH) Added Rating FAR Part 61

	Per Hour	Total
20 Hrs. Flight Instruction	\$275/Hr	\$5,500.00
10 Hrs. Solo Flight Time	\$245/Hr	\$2,450.00
20 Hrs Ground Instruction	\$35/Hr	\$700.00
Books & Materials		\$ 100
FAA Examiner's Fee		\$ 400
Insurance		\$ 300
TOTAL		\$9,450.00

Commercial Pilot Certificate - Helicopter (CPLH)

(FAA Minimum of 115 hrs required, FAR Part 141**)

	Per Hour	Total
**Must hold Private Pilot		
30 Hrs. Flight Instruction	\$275/Hr	\$8,250.00
75 Hrs. Solo Flight Time	\$245/Hr	\$18,375.00
35 Hrs Ground Instruction	\$35/Hr	\$1225.00
Commercial Written Exam		\$ 90
FAA Examiner's Fee		\$ 400
10Hr IFR**	\$300/Hr	\$ 3000
TOTAL		\$31,340.00

** *Instrument instruction can be used toward the Instrument Rating.*

Commercial Pilot Certificate - Helicopter (CPLH) Added Rating

	Per Hour	Total
100 hrs Powered Aircraft w/ 10 hrs Instrument		
25 Hrs. Flight Instruction	\$275/Hr	\$6,875.00
35 Hrs. Solo Flight Time	\$245/Hr	\$8,575.00
20 Hrs Ground Instruction	\$35/Hr	\$ 700.00
FAA Examiner's Fee		\$ 400
TOTAL		\$16,550.00

Instrument Rating - Helicopter

The FAA considers the Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) and the Instrument "Ratings" and not licenses. A rating would be added to a pilot's license, for example, The CFI rating may be added to a Commercial license or an Instrument rating may be added to a Private or Commercial license.

	Per Hour	Total
21 Hrs. Flight Instruction	\$300/Hr	\$6,300.00
14 Hrs. Simulator Time	\$110/Hr	\$1,540.00
30 Hrs Ground Instruction	\$35/Hr	\$1050.00
FAA Examiner's Fee		\$ 400
Instrument Written Exam		\$ 90
Books and Materials		\$ 175
TOTAL		\$9,555.00

Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) - Helicopter

This course is available to pilots holding the Commercial Pilot Helicopters certificate. In lieu of the course as listed below, students in the Commercial Pilot course may begin training toward the CFI certificate during their Commercial Pilot course. This will reflect in a tremendous cost savings to the student.

** CFI & Fundamental of Instructing Knowledge Test must be completed prior to start of course.

Course Cost **	\$ 4,475.00
10 Hrs Dual Simulator Training	<i>Included</i>
5 Hrs Flight Instruction	<i>Included</i>
40 Hrs Ground Instruction	<i>Included</i>
Books & Materials	<i>Included</i>
FAA Examiner's Fee	<i>Included</i>

Certified Flight Instructor Instrument (CFII) – Helicopter

This course is available to pilots holding a Helicopter Instrument rating. The CFII may be obtained prior to the Flight Instructor Helicopter rating.

** CFII Knowledge Test must be completed prior to start of course.

(Must hold Instrument Rating with Rotorcraft Helicopter privilege)

Course Cost **	\$ 4,475.00
10 Hrs Dual Simulator Training	<i>Included</i>
5 Hrs Flight Instruction	<i>Included</i>
40 Hrs Ground Instruction	<i>Included</i>
Books & Materials	<i>Included</i>
FAA Examiner's Fee	<i>Included</i>

Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) – Helicopter

This course is available to pilots holding a Commercial Pilot Helicopter certificate with Helicopter Instrument rating. The applicant must be at least 23 YOA and meet the experience requirements outlined in FAR 61.161.

** The ATP Knowledge Test must be completed prior to beginning course.

Course Cost **	\$ 4,400.00
10 Hrs Flight Training R22	<i>Included</i>
5 Hrs Simulator Instruction	<i>Included</i>
20 Hrs Ground Instruction	<i>Included</i>
Books & Materials	<i>Included</i>
FAA Examiner's Fee	<i>Included</i>

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